



Post Hospital

■ **Built:** 1903-1905; opened in 1905

■ **What it was:** Served as a state-of-the-art Army hospital. At its peak, 21,000 patients came through its doors during the Spanish Influenza pandemic in 1918.

■ **What it is today:** The hospital has stood vacant since the mid-1990s, after last having served as auxiliary office space for the Army. It needs significant repairs, seismic upgrades.

■ **What it could be:** The city of Vancouver holds the deed to the land. The nonprofit Fort Vancouver National Trust is property manager and hopes to partner with a local nonprofit to turn the historic building into a center for the arts and education, with rooms being leased as studios.

■ **What might get in the way:**

There's no estimate on just how much renovating the space will cost, but at least a few million dollars will have to be raised.

■ **Fun fact:** One theory as to why the many windowsills in the building are built at a slant is to encourage germs (a new concept in the late 1800s) to slide off and away.